

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

INTROIT/Children's Procession of Palms

A Cheering Chanting, Dizzy Crowd/Hosanna for Joy

R. Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 118:19-29)

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

Leader: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good. God's steadfast love endures.

*HYMN #89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
verses 1 and 3

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of heaven and earth: in Jesus Christ You entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. But, we confess that we are so intent on our own needs, so concerned with our own desires, that we miss the life You give in Christ. Our worship does not praise You and our service does not minister to our neighbors. Have mercy upon us, O God. Restore to us the life which celebrates Your glory and knows the assurance of Your righteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Let Heaven Rejoice
Children's and Chancel Choirs

B. Dufford, S. J.
Isaac Brooks, director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11

New Testament, pp. 17-18

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"The Spiritual Façade"

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
verses 1 and 3

HAMBURG

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #90

Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!
verses 1 and 2

THE KING'S MAJESTY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Stay with Me

Taizé/STAY WITH ME

*POSTLUDE

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Spiritual

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Ava Stanley.